

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed July 30, 2009. Applicants note that this Response (with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination) is being timely submitted with a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time within the 1-month response period from the mailing date of the final Office Action. Through this response, claims 18, 20-33, 49 and 51-55 have been amended. Claims 1-17 have been withdrawn without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Claims 34-48 have been withdrawn without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer and re-numbered for ease of reference. New claims 19 and 50 have been added. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of Applicant's remaining pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney. *See* MPEP § 706.07(f)III.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

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